

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1381

By Lynn

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the members of the Middle Tennessee chapter of the American Gold Star Mothers, Inc. upon their recent establishment.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those sterling organizations, and their individual members, that perform their duties with extraordinary dedication and diligence, and have distinguished themselves as community leaders of which we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, through their special endeavors, these noteworthy people have given unselfishly of themselves, their time, and their talents, in order to perpetuate the public good and are a credit to their communities and their families; and

WHEREAS, one such praiseworthy organization is the Middle Tennessee chapter of the American Gold Star Mothers, Inc., which was chartered on January 26, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the national organization of American Gold Star Mothers, Inc. was established in 1928 and is a non-denominational, non-profit, and non-political organization of mothers whose sons and daughters have made the supreme sacrifice in our nation's military; and

WHEREAS, founded by Grace Darling Seibold after she lost her son during World War I, the group takes its name from the gold star that families hung in their windows in honor of a family member who lost his or her life defending this country; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the group is to provide a network of mothers whose children have lost their lives while in military service to comfort each other, as well as provide loving care to hospitalized veterans confined in government hospitals far from home; the organization is a member of the Advisory Board of the Veterans Administration Voluntary Service and works closely with all veteran organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Middle Tennessee chapter reaches out to mothers in southern Kentucky, Northern Alabama, and Middle Tennessee, through monthly meetings held in members' homes; and

WHEREAS, the laudable charter members of the Middle Tennessee chapter are President, Musician, and Hospital Chairman, Mary Byers; First Vice-President, Historian, and Chaplain, Brenda Gerheart; Second Vice-President, Sergeant-At-Arms, Community Service Chairman, and Americanism Chairman, Patricia Cates Shaw; Corresponding and Recording Secretary and Parliamentarian, Rebecca Ponder; Treasurer, Legislative Chairman, and Custodian of Records, Tammy Delle; and member, Kim Tucker; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Middle Tennessee chapter of American Gold Star Mothers, Inc. epitomize the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of true Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, the Middle Tennessee chapter of American Gold Star Mothers, Inc. is truly a great organization with tremendous potential for being a catalyst for positive change and increased compassion in its community; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud the founding members of the Middle Tennessee chapter of American Gold Star Mothers, Inc. for their dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend the members of the Middle Tennessee chapter of the American Gold Star Mothers, Inc. upon their recent establishment, salute their meritorious service to families who have lost a son or daughter to war and extend to them our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.